

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 22, 2002. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 28 to more clearly point out the present inventive concept. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Regarding Claims 1-28, rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,978,773, Hudetz et al. (*Hudetz*), this rejection is respectfully traversed as follows.

Regarding each of the independent claims, No. 1, No. 10 and No. 19, the Detailed Office Action cites a number of portions of the text of the *Hudetz* reference which purportedly disclose an input device which has positional sensing capabilities as recited in each of the Applicant's independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Applicant respectfully submits, however, that disclosure of an input device having positional sensing capabilities is not disclosed anywhere in the cited passages of *Hudetz*. Thus, *Hudetz* is incapable of performing the method of Claim 1 or Claim 19 and lacks sufficient structure to meet the requirements of the architecture Claim 10. *Hudetz* discloses the following kinds of input devices in Col. 5, lines 22-29: "a wand-style barcode reader, . . . card reader, optical character or voice recognition system, touch screen, scanner, pin, keyboard or other known input device." However, none of these input devices combines both the capability of positional sensing and optical indicia sensing as is required of the input device specified by the recitation in Applicant's amended independent Claims 1, 10 or 19. ←

Each of the independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 has further been amended by Applicant to include the limitation that routing information for each of the plurality of vendor servers disposed on the network is returned to the first computer in order to enable accessing each of the vendor servers in accordance with the routing information to return the product related information to the first computer for simultaneous presentation to the user. This feature enables the simultaneous links to different nodes all having information related to the product of interest to the user. This feature is not disclosed in *Hudetz* which returns information enabling the user to make a selection of a particular URL from the list of matching records returned or which may be modified by enabling the system of *Hudetz* to jump to a ←

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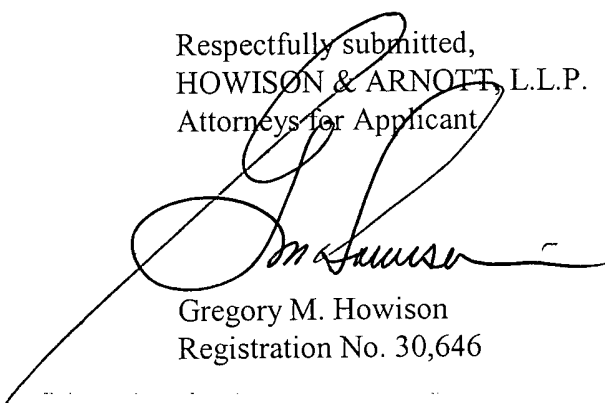
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particular URL selected prior to establishing the connection between the user and the remote node.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the *Hudetz* reference does not teach the respective inventions recited in independent Claims 1, 10 and 19 as amended. Moreover, since each of the respective dependent Claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20-29 depend directly or ultimately from the respective base claims and therefore contain all of the limitations of the respective base claims as amended, these claims are likewise patentably distinct over the prior art of record in the present *Office Action*. Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections of all of the claims and the full allowance of the claims as amended.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/PHLY-24,896 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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